Wage cut for plantation labour

1262. SHRI K. B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tea planters in the south have enforced a wage cut of 11 per cent for the plantation labour;

(b) whether the plantation workers have been forced to sign productivity agreements with a penal clause;

(c) whether Government apprehend that the planters community in Assam, Darjeeling etc. would follow suit thereby curtailing the wages of its workforce; and

(d) whether Government would intervene in the matter to ensure a fair deal for the workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Medical/Insurance facilities to unorganised workers

† 1263. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to organise and provide medical and insurance facilities etc. to the labourers of unorganised sector on the line of such facilities being provided to the labourers of organised sector; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) About 92% of the total labour force in the country falls in the unorganised sector. Some of the difficulties experienced in bringing the workers of unorganised sector

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.